

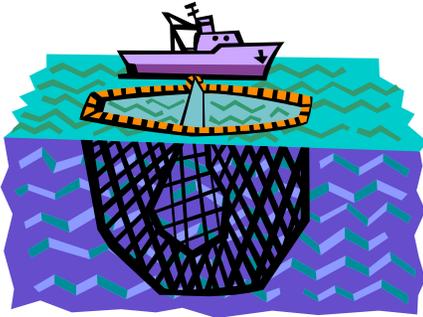


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# ALASKA FACE Facts

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## Independent Contractor Dies in Boom Truck Roll-Over



On June 28, 1995, a 50-year-old, male, independent contractor (victim) died as

a result of the rollover of a boom truck. The independent contractor was operating a truck-mounted boom to lift a fishing net from the dock to a moored commercial fishing vessel. As he swung the load toward the vessel, the boom became unstable. He attempted to lower the load into the water, but the truck continued to roll. The victim was round pinned between the truck cab door and the metal side railing of the dock. Because of massive head injuries, CPR was not instituted.

Based on the findings of the epidemiologic investigation, to prevent similar occurrences employers and independent contractors should:

- ensure that all crane or boom truck operators fully deploy outriggers and other stability enhancing devices.
- ensure that all crane or boom truck operators use equipment on environmental surfaces conducive to proper operation.
- ensure that crane or boom truck operators receive adequate model-specific training in the type planned for operation. This training must be in addition to on-the-job training.
- ensure that crane or boom truck operators are familiar with boom loading specifications and boom dynamics.

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